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Martens Faces Assassination Jury

NEW ORLEANS, March 29 (UPI) — Layton Martens, detained by the FBI and the Secret Service three days after the assassination of President Kennedy, testifies late today before a grand jury in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation.

Mr. Martens, 24, has made statements contradicting information released in Mr. Garrison's probe of the assassination.

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Mr. Martens was arrested Nov. 25, 1963, at the apartment of David W. Ferrie along with Mr. Ferrie and Alvin Beauboeauf, following their trip to Brownsville, Tex. They had left New Orleans the day of the assassination.

New Orleans police records said all three were ordered held for the FBI and Secret Service for suspected "subversive activities" in connection with the assassination.

Mr. Martens said in a TV interview made public last week that he was a roommate of Mr. Ferrie's during mid-September 1963, when the alleged conspiracy against President Kennedy was being hatched. He said he never met any of the principals.

In Omaha, Neb., today, Mrs. Lillie Mae McMaines, formerly known as Sandra Moffitt, was to tell a judge whether she would fight extradition back to Louisiana as a material witness.

Gordon Novel, 29, was the object of searches in Ohio, Virginia, Illinois, Missouri and possibly other states.

William Manchester's loudly - trumpeted book on President Kennedy's assassination, "The Death of a President," is out today — between hard covers and in full length. UPI White House reporter Merriman Smith, who was there, reviews it on Page 31.

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Author Mark Lane, left, whose book, "Rush to Judgment," is highly critical of the Warren Commission report on President Kennedy's slaying, met with New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, right. He later predicted Mr. Garrison's case would rock the nation.